

INDIAN HOSTILITIES IN UTAH.

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF UTAH TERRITORY,

PRAYING

*For an appropriation to pay for Indian depredations and expenses incurred in suppressing Indian hostilities.*

MARCH 9, 1868.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

*The Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.:*

GENTLEMEN: Your memorialists, the governor and legislative assembly of the Territory of Utah, would most respectfully represent to your honorable body, that for the last three years we have had a vexatious Indian war on our hands, the seat of which has been in Sevier, Piute, and Sanpete, counties, extending more or less to the counties of Wasatch, Utah, Millard, Beaver, Iron, Washington, and Kane, rendering a strong military force constantly necessary in the field. Colonel Irish, former superintendent of Indian affairs, called on General Conner to protect the settlements of this Territory from Indian depredations. The general replied that if those depredations were committed upon any settlements along the overland mail line he would protect them, but if on settlements remote from said line he could not do it.

Colonel Head, present superintendent of Indian affairs, called on Colonel Potter to protect the settlements of this Territory where Indian hostilities existed. Colonel Potter sent east for instructions in the case, and received answer from General Sherman that we must rely on the militia of the Territory. During this war Sevier and Piute counties were abandoned by six extensive and flourishing settlements, it being considered impracticable to defend them there; their removal was effected at the loss of nearly all they had, their stock and teams being mostly stolen and driven away by the Indians, and they were removed by the citizens of Sanpete county. Likewise four settlements on the borders of Sanpete county were broken up and removed at much expense and loss. Also fifteen settlements in Iron, Kane, and Washington counties, besides two or three small settlements in Wasatch county.

In this war we have furnished our own soldiers, arms, ammunition, transportation, cavalry horses, and supplies for the years 1865-'6 and '7. We have borne a heavy burden, and we ask for compensation and aid, as most of our citizens at and near the seat of this war have become greatly reduced and impoverished

thereby; and likewise the other settlements that have had to remove are more or less so.

We therefore ask your honorable body to appropriate one million five hundred thousand dollars to compensate the citizens for their services, transportation and supplies, in suppressing Indian hostilities in the Territory of Utah during the years before named, or so much thereof as will cover these expenses, as per vouchers and testimonies now in the adjutant general's office, which will accompany this our memorial, or follow it at an early day. And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

GEORGE A. SMITH,

*President of the Council.*

JOHN TAYLOR,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Approved February 21, 1868.

CHARLES DURKEE,

*Governor of Utah.*